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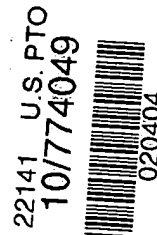
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2. 9 pages of drawings (Figs. 1-11);
3. Declaration and power of attorney of the inventors (unsigned);
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Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27 applies to this application.

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| Basic Fee<br>37 CFR 1.16(a)          |              |               |            | \$385.00  |
| Total Claims<br>37 CFR 1.16(c)       | 25           | 25 minus 20 = | 5 x \$9 =  | \$ 45.00  |
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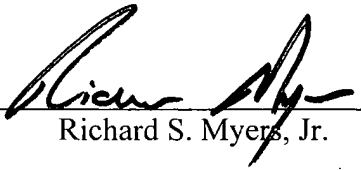
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